Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I support you.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Since there are two controversial things as regards the Superintendent of Agriculture, they may be separately put for the vote of the House.

President.—Yesterday, we were dealing with the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats whose pay should be Rs. 400 to Rs. 600. Now, you say that there should not be an officer who will discharge both the functions, and that there must be separate officers. We have to reconcile these resolutions.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There are four hands in the resolution. Eventually there is a difference of opinion on certain matters. We will put one by one and consider them. For instance, the grade of the Agricultural Superintendent may be first put, whether, in view of the fact that the Panchayats are taken away, any modification could be made in the scale that is proposed yesterday.

President.—The discussion cannot be final.

Clubbing of Fisheries and Agriculture

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—There is another point that Fisheries may be tacked on to Agriculture. I don't know whether there is an amendment or resolution for that.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—An amendment will be accepted without notice. Notice will be waived.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—That ought to be included.

President.—That will have to be considered and decided.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—I propose that 'the Fisheries may be tacked on to Agriculture as proposed by the Committee'. That is the practice in Travancore.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

The question that the Department of Fisheries be clubbed with the Department of Agriculture was put and agreed to.

President.—Now we come to the question of pay.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Now, Sir, my proposal is Rs. 200—300. But I am prepared to accept any reasonable modification which the Members may want to make. For the purpose of my proposition, I tentatively put it at 200—300. That is all.

President.—Who seconds?

Mr. P Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I beg to propose an amendment, *viz.*, that the pay shall be Rs. 200—25—400.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Would the Chair accept any other amendment with regard to this? I propose that it should be 400—600 as was done yesterday. If it is not accepted by the mover of the original proposition, I wish to speak upon it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not accept it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My reasons for putting the Superintendent of Agriculture and Fisheries in the first grade are, firstly, that agriculture is the most important thing in the State. Every other thing must get its sap from either fisheries or agricultural operations in this State. In an agricultural country, to put the Agricultural Superintendent on a par with the minor Heads of Departments would look simply, to my mind, to put it strongly, ridiculous. He is the one officer who, if he does proper propaganda work and instils the knowledge that he has got into the ryots, will bring prosperity to our land. Where are the other officers to be paid from, if the agriculturists do not produce the best from the land? The Superintendent of Agriculture must be possessed of very expert knowledge not only of agriculture here in this country but in many other countries as well if he is to be of any use for the prosperity of the ryot here. That the Superintendent is not able to reach all the ryots is not the fault of his having no knowledge, but it is because the system which he is asked to work is not sufficiently good enough for him to carry the message that he has got to the very door of the ryot. Facilities will come in the future as we are hammering for them. We want the Superintendent of Agriculture to be a man of very great expert knowledge and we can get no expert for 200 to 300 or 300 to 400—an expert whom you can properly call an expert. No first-rate expert will ever come here to serve for 200 to 400; they will all go to Bonde and Co: and other ordinary manure working companies. Such companies are paying these persons 500 and 600 to start with. While agricultural graduates from England are paid that pay by ordinary manure-manufacturing companies here, to have one here to take the whole land under him to survey the land, to carry on experiment and farm operations, to place that officer on any minor grade would not be a good thing for Government to do for the people. Government should certainly place him in the highest grade, give him all the encouragement, give him all the facilities to impart his knowledge freely unto the ryot, and no expert will part with his knowledge without being paid something in return for the knowledge that he has acquired by spending money himself. Therefore, I commend this House to put the Agricultural Superintendent in the first grade as was done yesterday and not change that resolution.

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Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I support the motion.

President.—Yesterday, that pay was fixed for the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Does not matter. If he is the Superintendent of Agriculture alone, without Fisheries and Panchayats added, I will give him that pay, because he has to do the most important work of raising the food-stuffs for the people.

The question that the pay of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Fisheries be fixed at Rs. 400 to 600 was put and agreed to.

Registrars of Panchayats and Co-operative Societies.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—So that portion may be taken out of my resolution. Then I move that the pay of the Registrars of Panchayats and Co-operative Societies be fixed at Rs. 200 to 300.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

The question was put and agreed to.

Superintendent of Registration and Anchal.

President.—Now the only officer remaining is the Superintendent of Anchal and Registration.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move that his pay be fixed to be Rs. 200—300.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to move the amendment that this officer may be given 250 to 400 with 25 rupees yearly increment. Now, in view of the fact that these two offices are put together, he will have a lot of work to do, and so he may be given this pay.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I second the amendment.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—In view of the fact of this amalgamation, I accept that amendment.

Question put: "*That the pay of the Superintendent of Anchal and Registration be fixed at 250—25—400*".

Question put and agreed to.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Now there remains the latter portion of my resolution which I may be permitted to move, if I so think, later on.

President.—You may do so, if you find it necessary. Now, we shall take the next para in the report, *i. e.*, the pay of the subordinate officers. (Para 41.) What are the resolutions?

Subordinate Officers.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—No. 2 to 12 and 14 by myself 17 Mr. Mathew, 22 Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar, 24 Mr

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